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GOV. PATTON CALLS FOR GARBAGE COLLECTION

Gov. Patton has called upon the legislature to enact solid waste collection as part of his comprehensive plan to clean up Kentucky.

House bill 237 would give counties or waste management districts two options: clean up all the illegal dumps and keep them clear on an annual basis or provide every residence and business in with curbside solid waste collection service. Smaller cities that were providing solid waste collection services to their citizens as of 1991 may elect to be responsible for implementing the program within their jurisdiction.

The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet
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EQC WEB SITE NOW OFFERS LEGISLATIVE TRACKING AND NEWS CLIPPINGS

The Environmental Quality Commission Web site www.kyeqc.net is now offering news clippings from across the Commonwealth. Another new feature is the EQC 2001 Natural Resource Legislation Tracking Report. Every Friday throughout the session, EQC will provide an update on environmental and natural resource bills that are under consideration in the 2001 legislative session. These services are intended to provide Kentuckians with information about environmental issues of public concern. The EQC Web site also provides:



- EQC publications including the *State of Kentucky's Environment*, a report monitoring environmental trends.
- EQC meeting minutes and recommendations.
- *The Best of Kentucky*, a database showcasing local efforts to protect the environment.

MEETINGS/CONFERENCES

Feb. 16 - TVA Public Land Issues-Summit Hill Dr., Knoxville.
Contact: Ann Coulter, TVA, (865)632-1616.

Feb. 17 - Practical Geology Short Course - Univ. of Ky. *Contact: William Andrews, Ky. Geological Survey, (859)257-5500, ext. 138 or see http://www.kspg.org/pages/kspg_rog.htm.*

Feb. 23 -Water Resources Annual Seminar - Four Points Barcelo Hotel, Lexington. *Contact: Geaunita Caylor, (859) 257-2820.*

March 6-7 -Ky. Forest Industry Assc. Annual Meeting - Marriott Griffin Gate, Lexington. *Contact: KFIA, (502)695-3979.*

March 9-10 -Big Sandy River Basin Conference - Jenny Wiley State Park. *Contact: Dr. Tom Vierheller, (606)886-3863, ext. 316.*

March 15-22 -Electroplaters and Surface Finishers Workshop- Hopkinsville (March 15), Louisville (March 20), Lexington (March 21), Ft. Mitchell (March 22). *Contact: Tim Piero, Ky. Pollution Prevention Center, (502)852-0965.*

March 21-Integrated Pest Management Training School - Univ. of Ky. Research Ctr. Princeton. *Contact: Patty Lucas, (270)365-7541, ext. 218.*

March 21-23 -10th Annual Southeastern Lakes Management Conference - Hyatt Regency Hotel, Knoxville, Tn. *Contact: Gary Springston, TVA, (423)751-7336.*

March 22-23 -Trenchless Technology Symposium - Univ. of Ky. *Contact: Geaunita Caylor, (859) 257-2820.*

March 22-23 -Environmental Symposium - Cincinnati Convention Ctr. *Contact: Libby Douglas, (614)229-7990.*

PUBLIC NOTICES/HEARINGS - PERMITS

Ky. Division of Water - KPDES Permit Notices

•**Re-Public Notice of Reissuance of KPDES General Permit for Abandoned Mine Lands**-general permit to surface owners/controllers of lands that contain pre-Surface Mining Control Reclamation Act coal mined lands and abandoned mineral mined lands. *Contact: Courtney Seitz or Larry Sowder, (502)564-3410.*

GOV. PATTON APPOINTS EQC COMMISSIONERS

Gov. Paul Patton has reappointed Aloma Williams Dew, Patty Wallace and Gary Revlett to the EQC. He also appointed Jean Dorton to replace C.V. Bennett, III, whose term expired.

Aloma Dew has been a member of the commission since 1992, serving as chairperson since 1997. She is a resident of Owensboro and a graduate of Murray State University and Louisiana State University. She has taught women's and Kentucky history at Wesleyan College in Owensboro. She is also a member of the League of Women Voters, Kentucky Humanities Council and numerous civic groups. She has been active in promoting sustainable agriculture in western Kentucky through her work with the Sierra Club.

Patty Wallace is a resident of Louisa. She received her degree from Berea College. She is an active member of Kentuckians for the Commonwealth and other state and local civic groups.

Gary Revlett, a native of Sacramento in McLean County, resides in Shelbyville. He is vice president of Kenvirons, a Frankfort engineering and consultant firm. Revlett received his bachelor's degree in chemistry from Murray State University and his doctorate in analytical chemistry from the University of Louisville.

Jean Dorton is a native and resident of Paintsville, Ky. She is a graduate of Morehead State University. Dorton is an active member of the PRIDE (Personal Responsibility In a Desirable Environment) executive committee. She also serves on the Kentucky Center for Public Issues Board and is a graduate of the Natural Resources Leadership Institute. She is director of the Rural Community College Initiative and interim director of development at Prestonsburg Community College.

Other EQC members are: Serena Williams, a law professor at the University of Louisville; Betsy Bennett, an environmental attorney from Louisville; and Bob Riddle, director of the Georgetown Water and Sewer Service.

•**65 Water Discharge Permit Issuances/Reissuances - (Public Notices 2001-02 thru 06).** *Contact: Courtney Seitz, (502)564-3410.*
KY Division of Waste Management - Solid Waste Notices

•**ISP Chemicals**, Calvert City (Marshall Co.)-Receipt of application to renew residual landfill until 2006.

•**Campbells Branch Landfill**, Ashland (Boyd Co.)-Approval of a groundwater assessment report. Results reveal that contaminants in monitoring wells are from sources other than the landfill.

•**Bavarian Trucking Co. Landfill**, Walton (Boone Co.)-Draft construction permit to horizontally expand the landfill.

•**Big Run Landfill**, Ashland (Boyd Co.)-Draft construction permit to construct a contained landfill for disposal of waste from Boyd Co. and 65 counties in Ky., In., Tn., W. Va., Va.

•**Southern Waste Services**, Russellville (Logan Co.)-Approval of a groundwater assessment report. Results of monitoring reveal volatile organic compounds from landfill gas migration.

•**Tri-K Landfill**, Stanford (Lincoln Co.)-Receipt of application to horizontally expand the landfill.

•**West Ky. Landfill**, Mayfield (Graves Co.)-Notice of intent to expand existing landfill.

•**Willamette Ind.**, Hawesville (Hancock Co.)-Extend expiration date of permit for closure activities.

Note-All but ISP Chemical solid waste notices are no longer open for public comment but can still be reviewed by contacting: *Maria Wood, (502)564-6716, ext. 636.*

KY Division of Waste Mgt. - Underground Storage Tanks

•**Chevron**, 1062 Barnes Mill Rd., Richmond, Madison Co.

•**Callis Kelly Property**, 1973 Ky. Hwy. 172, Staffordsville, Johnson Co.

•**Akins Service Station**, 37 E. Main St., Taylorsville, Spencer Co. *Contact: Lori Terry, (502)564-6716.*

KY Division of Waste Management - Hazardous Waste Notices

•**Ensign-Bickford Co.**, Graham (Muhlenberg Co.) - Tentative decision to deny a hazardous waste permit application for a activity deemed to endanger public health and the environment.

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ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION MEETING

2 pm - Feb. 22, 2001 - Room 111 - Capitol Annex - Frankfort

AGENDA

2:00 pm Open Meeting

2:05 pm **THE 2001 ENERGY CRISIS – IMPACTS IN KENTUCKY**

The natural gas energy crisis and its impacts in Kentucky--What are the effects of the natural gas crisis on Kentucky consumers and how will deregulation affect the state?

- Geoffrey Young, Asst. Director, Kentucky Division of Energy

The influx of new power plants in Kentucky--There may be up to 21 new power plants located in Kentucky—a response to utility deregulation. Most of these plants will use natural gas as the energy source.

- John Hornback, Director, Kentucky Division for Air Quality

3:00 pm **WATER QUALITY INITIATIVES**

Status of the state's antidegradation policy--Federal law requires states adopt an antidegradation policy, which declares that the existing uses of a water body must be maintained and protected. Federal officials will review the status of Kentucky's antidegradation regulations, which were disapproved by the U.S. EPA last year.

- Fritz Wagener, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Atlanta (invited)

Watershed management status report--During the past few years, the Division of Water has been working on a watershed management strategy. This strategy has as its premise that many water quality and ecosystem problems are best solved at the watershed level rather than at the individual waterbody or discharger level. Major features of a watershed protection approach are: targeting priority problems, promoting stakeholder involvement, and measuring success through monitoring and data gathering. A discussion on Kentucky's TMDL program will also be presented.

- Jack Wilson, Director, Kentucky Division of Water

4:00 pm Other business

4:30 pm Adjourn



All EQC meetings are free and open to the public. Meeting facilities are accessible to people with disabilities. Auxiliary aids, interpreters, and other services will be provided upon request by contacting EQC.

EQC 2001 SCHEDULE

March 22/23-Public Forum on Coal Slurry Spill and Field Trip to Spill Area--officials will be invited to discuss the Oct. 11 coal slurry spill cleanup status.

April 18-EQC Earth Day Award Ceremony--annual event recognizing Kentuckians from across the state.

July 26-2000:The Year of Environmental Spills--a review of spills and response/prevention issues and needs.

Aug. 23-Economic Growth in Kentucky--a discussion of how environmental issues are considered.

Sept. 20/21-Public Forum on Forestry--a discussion of forestry issues and needs. A field trip to tour the Maxey Flats Superfund site is also planned.

See eqc web site for more information on these meetings as it becomes available.

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would be charged with inspection and certification of counties as dump free.

If the county or city cleans up all identified open dumps, it would be able to continue its present solid waste collection system without extra charge or penalty. Cities unable to meet or make substantial progress toward the dump-free standard by January 1, 2003, would then be required to implement the curbside collection program. For more information about the bill, see <http://www.kyenvironment.org/nrepc/press/cleanup.htm>

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•**Lexington Bluegrass Army Depot**, Avon (Fayette/Bourbon Co.)--Approval of environmental cleanup action at bldg. 27; vehicle washrack I; underground emergency hold tank.

Contact: Mike Welch, (502)564-6716.

KY Division for Air Quality - Public Notices

•**Synthetic Minor Operating or Construction/Operating Permit at a Title V Source (PSD regs. do not apply) - Bluegrass Generation**, LaGrange (Oldham Co.); **Cinergy Capital and Trading**, Erlanger (Kenton Co.)

•**Acid Rain Permit**--Cinergy Capital and Trading, Erlanger (Oldham Co.); **Duke Energy Metcalfe LLC**, Summer Shade (Metcalfe Co.)

•**Prevention of Significant Deterioration Construction/Operation Permit**--Duke Energy Metcalfe LLC, Summer Shade (Metcalfe Co.)

•**Title V Construction/Operating Permit**--Gates Rubber Co., Elizabethtown (Hardin Co.); **Petroferm Inc.**, Franklin (Simpson Co.)

Contact: George Day, (502)573-3382.

PUBLIC NOTICES-STATE REGS/PLANS/REPORTS

•**Air Quality Regulations** - The Div. for Waste Management has issued a notice to promulgate 401 KAR 51:200 Regional NOx emissions requirement (amendment). **A public hearing will be held on Feb. 26**, 10 am, Conf. Room, 803 Schenkel Lane, Frankfort. Contact: Millie Ellis, (502)573-2282.

•**Coal Mining Regulations** - The Dept. for Surface Mining has filed 405 KAR 18:210 Subsidence Control. **A public hearing will be held March 29**, 10 am, Room D-16, 2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort. Contact: Jim Villines (502)564-6940.

FEDERAL NOTICES/HEARINGS/MEETINGS

•**Daniel Boone National Forest** - Reclamation of three acid mine openings and treat acid mine water in the Wildcat Branch watershed. Other projects include storm damage restoration in pine types; pine beetle killed hazard tree removal, off-highway vehicle trail. Contact: U.S. Forest Service, Somerset District, (606)679-2018.

PUBLICATIONS/WEB SITES OF INTEREST

•**2000 Ky. Report to Congress on Water Quality** - Provides an assessment of water quality conditions in the Kentucky River basin. Contact: Dru Hawkins, (502)564-3410, ext. 400 or view the report at <http://water.nr.state.ky.us/wq/305b/2000/index.htm>

•**Status of Ky. Forests Biennial Report** - Reports on activities to implement the Kentucky Forest Conservation Act. Contact: Diana Olszowy, (502)564-4496 or view the report at <http://www.kyenvironment.org/nrepc/dnr/forestry/kfcstatus2b.pdf>

•**Oversight News** - Free quarterly newsletter of the state's environmental oversight of the cleanup of the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant. Contact: Annie Eades, Div. of Waste Management, (502)564-6716.

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EQC Earth Day Awards

Do you know someone that is doing their part to protect the environment? Why not **nominate them for an EQC Earth Day Award**. To nominate a person, group, government official, or business send their name and address, phone number, and one page-summary describing their efforts by March 16 to EQC. The name, phone number and address of the person making the nomination should also be included. EQC will celebrate the 31st anniversary of Earth Day on April 18 in Frankfort.